

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to indicate that the printable layer comprises a blend of a polyolefin and a soft polar additive. Support for that amendment is found in originally filed claims 1 and 11.

The term "soft polar additive" has been added with this amendment. Previously (Office Action mailed October 31, 2002), the Examiner had objected to the use of the term "soft polar additive" under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. The Examiner has objected to the term as being indefinite for what is meant by "soft".

Applicants submit that this term is not indefinite. Applicants' specification at page 11, lines 4-18 provides a definition of a soft polar additive and examples to soft polar additives. A person of ordinary skill in the art upon reading Applicants' specification would be able to determine what is meant by the term "soft polar additive". Additionally, seven U.S. patents have issued with the term "soft polar additive". Applicants submit that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has recognized this as a definite term.

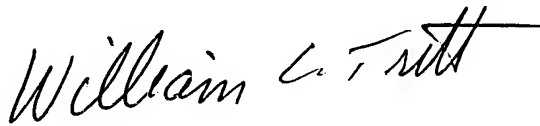
As described above, Applicants have reinserted the term "soft polar additive" into claims 1 and 11. Applicants submit that the use of that term is not indefinite.

In the event any issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the claims. If any fees are required for the filing of these papers, Applicants request the Commissioner to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988 under Attorney Docket No. **AVERP2544USA**.

Respectfully submitted,

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